

Rudolph Johnson
PRISON WARDEN

The county will spend \$1,866,720 this year to feed some 1,000 inmates at the jail.

The food service is provided by Aramark Corp., a national company that has served food at the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games and to many colleges and universities around the country.

Before any food is served to the inmates it is checked out for appearance and tasted by either Johnson or Deputy Warden Michael T. Abode.

Some of the offerings given to the inmates include chicken patties purchased from Burger King, Tyson and Perdue turkey and chicken products and Oreo cookies.

Three times in every five-week dining cycle, inmates are served steak, said Walt Flaherty, the food service director from Aramark.

Yesterday's lunch included Polish sausage, mashed potatoes with cheese, fresh wax beans and lemon pudding. Inmates also had all the bread and macaroni salad they could

He said no disciplinary action will be taken against the inmates. "I respect the inmates to the extent that they had a peaceful protest," Johnson said.

The county pays a little more than \$1.52 per meal, about \$4.58 per inmate per day, according to Johnson. He said

nosh. The two reporters ate the same meal as the inmates, but in a staff dining room next to their dormitories.

Johnson said the goal of the administration is to provide the inmates food that is even healthier than what they get on the outside.

"We are not here to serve pleasant meals," Johnson said. "It's not going to be a memorable dining experience. It is going to be nutritious."

The warden said complaints from the inmates are rare but to be expected from time to time.

"Every now and then my wife cooks me something I don't like, but I eat it or I sneak down later for something else," Johnson said. "In America we tend to eat until we feel like we've had enough, rather than when we've had enough in a measured way. This is like a parent feeding a child."



JOE McLAUGHLIN/Staff photographer

● **Women at the Middlesex County Adult Correction Center line up to pick up their lunch yesterday. At top is one of the 4-ounce hamburgers that inmates wanted more of — staging a short hunger strike to change the one-inmate, one-burger rule.**

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HAMILTON INDUSTRIAL PARK

Cleanup of toxic site begins

By SARAH GREENBLATT
STAFF WRITER

Cleanup work at the contaminated Hamilton Industrial Park in South Plainfield began this week after a three-week delay.

A construction crew appeared at the Hamilton Boulevard site Monday to begin paving a gravel roadway laden with what authorities believe to be hazardous levels of lead, cadmium and polychlorinated biphenyls.

The work, which had been ordered by the federal Environmental Protection Agency, was supposed to begin July 7.

Some owners of businesses at the 25-acre site said they are relieved to see the project begin. "They're rectifying the problem," said Mike Cansilla, owner of Columbia Products. "That's good news."

But the sight of the workers in protective clothing made others uneasy. "It's not too encouraging, looking at these guys with

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DICK COSTELLO/Staff photographer

● **Michael Mahnkops, project overseer, keeps dust down with a water spray as Kelly Walton, health and safety officer, records findings at the site.**

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Taddio, who is now was declared a hero defended the older man heroism led to 13 hon from dignitaries, incl dent Bill Clinton and Whitman.

But it also left him injuries so severe that longer work as a P trash collector — as for 18 years.

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Taddio, who now li awan, was on his way of coffee before work when he heard the ma distress.

"I just wanted to he said. "Two and a h later, I was out on the g

When Taddio fell, h his elbow and splinter according to his wife Ca

"He still can't do mu arm," she said.

"He really suffered elbow. He had a pin in long, a screw and a r And he's been operated she said. "And he was to do a good deed for man."

Rivera, who is fr Amboy, was arrested East Brunswick and ren on \$500,000 bail. He ent guilty plea to the mur during his July 15 hearin



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in if we did that," Newkirk said it was fraud. He ruled no First Amendment right." They issue was whether Rokke a confidentiality agreement he was hired in September as an associate technician, cleaning animal cages. She didn't, but Huntingdon — judge — agreed that she did. J.S. Department of Agriculture finished collecting information about Huntingdon's activities 't discuss the findings for another month, said W. Ron DeHaven, acting deputy administrator of department's animal-care division.

ist three companies — Colgate Co., Procter & Gamble, Yamanouchi Pharmaceutical have changed their relationship with Huntingdon due to PETA's actions. The stock of the lab's company was suspended last after it was charged with animal use by a government branch in United Kingdom.

Yamanouchi last month canceled a experiment of an osteoporosis which would have involved the legs of 36 beagles, then the animals at the end of the actress Kim Basinger asked the beagles, but Huntingdon said it would provide the animalization training, then find names.

CLEANUP: Work begins at Hamilton Industrial Park

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plastic suits on," said A.J. DiLello, owner of Robalo Enterprises. "Maybe we should be wearing them."

EPA site coordinator Eric Wilson said the protective clothing is needed because the workers — from Bellamy Brothers Paving of Middlesex — are exposed to contaminants not just at this site but at others throughout their careers.

Wilson said the workers are grading the roadway and removing debris to allow paving to begin next week.

Once the road has been paved, contaminated areas in the rear of the site will be fenced off, preventing polluted soil from running off into the Bound Brook, which crosses the property.

The site, formerly owned by Cornell-Dubilier Electronics, became targeted for cleanup under the federal Superfund program after the EPA found high levels of contaminants in soil samples and in sediment from the Bound Brook.

The EPA is awaiting the results of new tests of soil, brook sediment and fish that will help determine if the site will be placed on the National Prior-

ities List for long-term cleanup.

EPA spokesman Rich Cahill praised the property owner, D.S.C. of Newark Enterprises, for cooperating with EPA directives to complete the work.

The first contractor D.S.C. had selected backed out because of health concerns, according to Wilson.

Last week, Rep. Bob Franks, R-7th Dist., had called for imposing maximum penalties against D.S.C. if the work did not begin by Monday. Franks visited the site Monday, according to his spokeswoman, Janet Thompson. "He will be carefully monitoring the situation in the weeks ahead," Thompson said.

Cansilla called concerns about health hazards at the site "more fiction than fact" and said that many of his employees who had their blood tested for PCB contamination received a clean bill of health. He said he does not know how many of his 60 workers were tested.

Based on an analysis of the contamination found so far, only workers employed at the site for long periods are likely to face consequences from exposure, federal officials have said.

SENTENCE

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another stolen vehicle.

The charges against Leybys were adjudicated in Union County instead of Middlesex County, where Woodbridge Center is located. Under the state's juvenile-justice system, minors go to court in their home counties.

The two passengers who were in the stolen Honda at Woodbridge Center on Dec. 9 each received minor jail terms for joyriding, authorities said.

Woodbridge Center was crowded with holiday shoppers when a Woodbridge detective, working a security detail at the mall, saw the white Honda and determined through a computer check that it had been stolen, police said.

When police cruisers turned on their flashing lights, the car sped off and tried to exit the mall's parking lot onto Route 1. Finding too much traffic, Leybys instead turned into an auxiliary parking lot. There, he turned the car toward Gallop, who was out of his car with his weapon drawn.

Gallop repeatedly ordered the driver to stop, but the Honda proceeded toward him slowly. When it was about 100 feet away, the car sped at the officer, prompting him to jump out of the way. Gallop fired a single shot into the car. Leybys was shot in the arm. The same bullet entered the left side of the neck of Leybys' 17-year-old passenger and exited his right side.

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2 arrested for drugs in motel raid

By LONNIE MACK
STAFF WRITER

Two men were arrested and more than \$5,000 worth of drugs were seized when police searched a North Brunswick motel room, Middlesex County Prosecutor Robert Gluck reported yesterday.

Members of the Middlesex County Narcotics Task Force and the North

Brunswick Police Department's narcotics unit arrested Mercado Ali Henry, 20, of West New York and Aneesha W. Brewer, 20, of Throop Avenue, New Brunswick after executing a search warrant in Room 17 of the Farrington Inn on Route 130 south in North Brunswick on Monday.

Gluck said the arrests were the culmination of a two-week investigation.

Police seized three ounces of co-

caine valued at \$4,500, 57 \$10 bags of marijuana and packaging materials.

Henry and Brewer are charged with possession of the drugs, possession of the marijuana and cocaine with intent to distribute it and possession of drug paraphernalia.

They are being held in the Middlesex County Adult Correction Center in North Brunswick in lieu of \$10,000 bail with no 10 percent option.

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